

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 28, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In the formulation of semi-solid preparations, ~~animal~~ vegetable fats and oils, such as olive oils, corn oils, and castor oils, mineral fats and oils, such as petrolatum, white petrolatum, and hard paraffin, waxes, such as jojoba oils, carnauba wax, and beeswax, and partially synthesized or wholly synthesized glycerin fatty acid esters, such as laurylic acid, myristic acid, and palmitic acid, and the like may be used. Examples of commercially available products thereof include Witepsol manufactured by Dynamid Nobel and Pharmasol manufactured by Nippon Oils & Fats Co., Ltd.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 57, line 20, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Intermediate ~~[[A]]~~ B (1.0 g, 3.1 mmol) was dissolved in 2.5 mmol of chloroform, 2.5 ml of trifluoroacetic acid was added thereto, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 hr. The reaction mixture was concentrated under the reduced pressure to remove a major part of trifluoroacetic acid. The reaction mixture was then adjusted to pH 10 by the addition of a 3 N sodium hydroxide solution. The aqueous layer was extracted three times with ethylacetate. The combined organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate and was concentrated, the concentrate was then passed through an alumina (alumina oxide 90 neutral) column, to give a crude product.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 59, line 22, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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